

Access to Water



Port of Everett – 12th Street Marina Guest Moorage

If you want to:

- Build or renovate facilities for water access

- Acquire property for water access development, restoration, or renovation

- Or a combination of those



.....Then you are in the right place.

Session Outline:

- **Grant Programs Available**
- **Application Process**
- **The Grant Program's**
 - Focus and Priorities
 - Eligible Applicants
 - Project Types
 - Funding Limits
 - Project Examples
 - Project Criteria
 - Materials Available



City of Tacoma – Chinese Reconciliation Park

- Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
- Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)
 - Water Access (WWRP – WA)



Port of Kennewick – Clover Island Marina



City of Mukilteo – Lighthouse Park

2010 Timeline:

Start a New Application - Now

Applications Due – May 3, 2010

Project Review** – June 2010

Technical Completion – July 2010

Project Evaluation ** – August 2010

Ranked Lists Approved – October 28, 2010

Funding Granted – July 2011

*** BIG is a written Review and Evaluation*



Bottle Beach State Park, Westport

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 - Water Access Category (WWRP – WA)



Port of Everett – 12th Street Marina

BIG Program Overview

- Federal grant program funded by the US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Assists in the development and/or renovation of boating facilities targeting large recreational boats.
- Typical projects:
 - ✓ Moorage floats
 - ✓ Breakwaters
 - ✓ Navigational aids
 - ✓ Upland support facilities
 - ✓ Education and information materials



BIG Eligible Applicants

- Develop and renovate boating facilities targeting recreational boats 26 feet and larger.
- Funds may also be used to provide information and enhance boater education.



Port of Olympia – Guest Dock Renovation

BIG Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Qualified non-profit organizations
- Qualified private operators



Blake Island – Electrical Upgrades

A “qualified” private operator or non-profit organization:

- Registered with WA Secretary of State;
- Identified equivalent successor
- Active in recreational boating 3+ years
- No exclusive use of funded facilities
- Does not discriminate
- Primary purpose is recreational boating

BIG Project Types

- **Development and/or Renovation**
 - Construction of new facilities and/or renovation of existing boating facilities.
- **Education and Information Materials**
 - Charts, guides, brochures.

Land acquisition is not eligible in this program.



Port of Bremerton – Breakwater and Moorage

BIG Funding Limits

- Grants range from Tier 1 to Tier 2 Funding:
- Tier 1 from \$5,000 to \$95,000 (state written evaluation).
- Tier 2 for \$100,001+ (national written evaluation).
- 25 % match required.
- *Except for state agencies and Native American Tribes*, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state non-federal match.
- Estimated funds available for 2010: Tier 1 - \$95,000; Tier 2 – no estimate.

There is a 10 day limit on overnight moorage.

BIG Project Examples

- Transient moorage floats
- Electrical upgrades



Blake Island, Electrical Upgrades



Port of Bremerton, Guest Moorage Float

BIG Project Examples:

- Boarding floats
- Gangways
- Utility hook-ups



Port of Everett – 12th Street Marina Guest Moorage

BIG Project Criteria

1. Plan to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities
2. Provide for public/private and public/public partnerships
3. Use innovative techniques
4. Include private, local, or other State funds (match)
5. Are cost efficient
6. Provide a significant link
7. Provide access to recreational or scenic opportunities of national, regional or local significance.
8. Provide significant positive economic impacts
9. Include multi-State efforts

More BIG information available online:

www.rco.wa.gov

- Boating Infrastructure Grant (Manual #12)
- Development Project Policies (Manual #4)

Critical dates to remember:

- Application Wizard – March 15, 2010
- Applications Due – May 3, 2010
- Technical Completion Deadline – June 15, 2010



Port of Olympia – Guest Dock Renovation

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Questions?

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Lighthouse Park, Mukilteo

ALEA Program Overview

- Funding source: DNR's aquatic land lease revenue.
- Purchase, improve, protect and provide access to aquatic resources ***along WA State's navigable waters.***
- Typical projects include:
 - Waterfront Parks and Trails
 - Hand Launch Sites
 - Habitat Restoration



Seahurst Park, Burien

Aquatic Lands

include all tidelands, shore lands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters.

Navigable Waters

provide a channel for commerce and transportation of people and goods.



How do I know if my project lies along a navigable water body?

1. Create a simple map with:
 - Parcel outline
 - Water body, county, and nearest city named
2. E-mail the map to your grant manager.
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3. They will confirm ALEA eligibility with DNR.



ALEA Program Priorities

- New or improved access to water
- Protect and conserve shoreline
- Environmental education
- Habitat enhancement



ALEA Eligible Applicants

- **Local governments**
- **Native American tribes**
- **State agencies**

All legally authorized to acquire and develop public open space, habitat, or recreation facilities.



ALEA Project Types and Examples

Must provide reasonable public access to aquatic land

Acquisition

For passive recreation and/or future development

Development and/or renovation

Build new or renovate existing facilities

Strongly encourage educational features

Habitat Restoration

Restore damaged or altered aquatic lands and uplands

Combination

Purchase land and build facilities

Restore shoreline and develop ADA access



Dutcher Cove Tidelands, Key Peninsula
Bottle Beach State Park, Westport

ALEA Funding Limits

Maximum grant awards are:

Acquisition = \$1,000,000

Development = \$500,000

Restoration = \$500,000

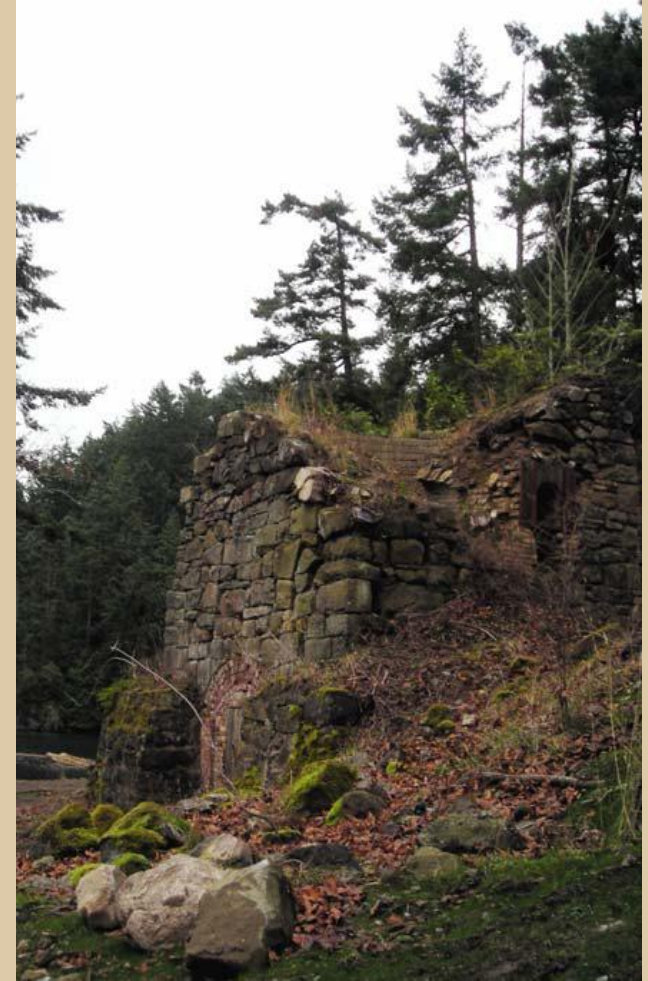
Combination with Acquisition =
\$1,000,000 of which up to \$500,000
development and/or restoration



Cap Sante, Anacortes

ALEA Match Requirements

- At least 50% of Project Costs – *even state agencies need it!*
- Local government sponsors (*not Tribal governments*): 10% of match must be non-state, non-federal.



Judd Cove, Orcas Island

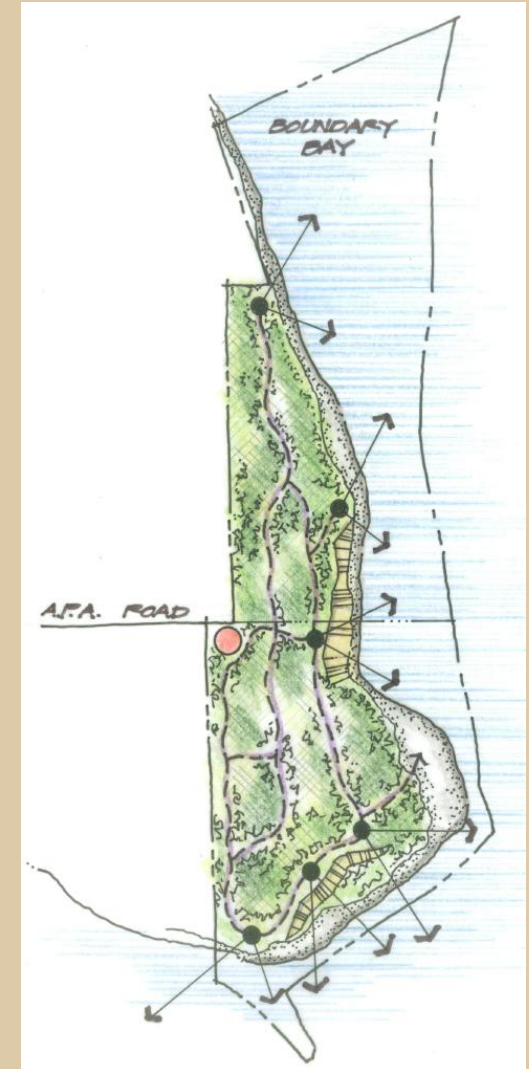
ALEA Project Criteria

3 scoring matrices based upon project purpose.

- Fit with ALEA Program Goals
- Project Need
- Site Suitability
- Urgency and Viability
- Project Design and Viability
- Community Involvement
- GMA Preference (staff scored)
- Proximity to People (staff scored)

Protect /Enhance **or** Public Access: Up to 66 points.

Protect/Enhance **and** Public Access: Up to 71 points.



Top ranked ALEA projects 2008

1. Lake Sammamish State Park: Sunset Beach Renovation
2. Lily Point Acquisition & Development
3. Dutcher Cove Tidelands Acquisition
4. Pt. Heyer Drift Cell Preservation – Phase I
5. Judd Cove Acquisition/Restoration/Development



Mistakes can be learning opportunities...

1. A strong proposal is just the first step to a successful project.
2. Make sure you have your matching funds.
3. Don't over estimate your % match – you will be held to this in your grant agreement.
4. Get your waiver of retroactivity – even for land match.
5. Don't start construction before you have a signed grant agreement, costs will not be eligible.



More ALEA information available online:

www.rco.wa.gov

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (Manual #21)
- Acquiring Land Policies (Manual #3)
- Development Project Policies (Manual #4)



Tolt River, King County

Critical ALEA dates to remember:

March 15, 2010 – Application Wizard

May 3, 2010 – Applications Due

June 10-11 – Project Review Meetings

July 9, 2010 – Technical Completion Deadline

August 16-20 – Evaluation Presentations



Tolt River, King County

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Conservation Grant Manager Assignment Map

Questions?

- Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
- **Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)**
 - **Water Access**



Chinese Reconciliation Park, Tacoma

WWRP-WA Program Overview

- Provides shoreline access for non-motorized water-related recreation activities.
- Comprehensive Recreation Plan is required (contact Lorinda Anderson).

Projects may include:

- Boat access facilities (Non-motorized launch ramps/floats)
- Access trails/pathways
- Water trails (non-motorized watercraft)
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Picnic areas/shelters
- Interpretive kiosks/signing
- Fishing piers/platforms
- Swim beaches
- Roads
- Buoys



Clinton Beach, Whidbey Island

WWRP-WA Program Priorities

- Projects that provide physical access to shorelines for non-motorized recreation.
- Within the Water Access category 75% of the funding must be allocated to acquisition projects.



Kitsap County Parks and Recreation – Wicks Lake Expansion



WWRP-WA Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Northbay Access



Washington Park - Anacortes

WWRP-WA Project Types

- **Acquisition**
 - Acquiring land for future development
- **Development and/or Renovation**
 - Building water access and support facilities.
- **Combination (acquisition and development/renovation)**
 - Acquiring land and building/renovating facilities



Fishing on Yakima River

WWRP-WA Funding Limits

- No minimum or maximum grant request limit per project.
- Local agencies (includes Native American tribes) must have at least 50% match for each project.
- All local agencies must provide at least 10% matching funds from non-state, non-federal contributions (*does not apply to Native American tribes*).



Viewpoint - Lime Kiln State Park, San Juan County

WWRP-WA Project Examples

- Hand-launch ramps
- Pathways
- Swimming beaches



Seattle Parks and Recreation - Sand Point North Shore Development

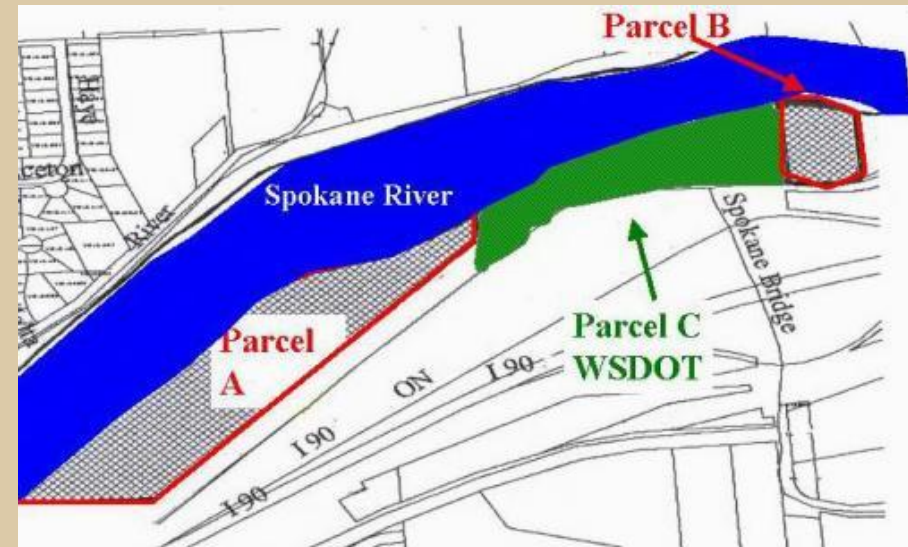


Battleground Lake – State Park



WWRP-WA Project Examples

- Acquisitions
- Fishing Piers
- Interpretive signs/kiosks



Spokane Co. Parks and Recreation – Spokane River Acquisition



Edmonds Parks and Recreation Brackett's Landing –
Interpretive signing



Newman Lake – Fishing Dock

WWRP-WA Project Criteria

1. **Public Need**
2. Project Design
3. **Immediacy of Threat**
(acquisition projects only)
4. **Site Suitability**
5. Expansion
6. **Diversity of Recreational Use**
7. Project Support
8. Cost Efficiencies



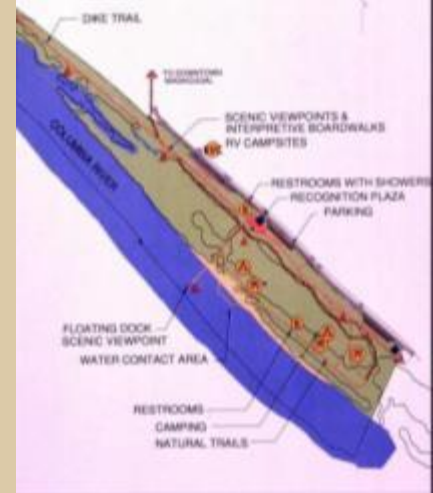
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- Acquiring Land Policies (Manual #3)
- Development Project Policies (Manual #4)

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Deadline



Captain William Clark Park, Clark County



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